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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION TO HONDURAS

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YOU REQUESTED TO PASS FOLLOWING VIEWS TO ARENALES ALONG
WITH OUR APPRECIATION FOR HIS BRINGING MATTER TO OUR
ATTENTION:

A. IN VIEW RECENT NORTH KOREAN APPROACHES IN OTHER LATIN
AMERICAN CAPITALS, WE FEEL CERTAIN PURPOSE OF PROPOSED
VISIT IS TO SOLICIT HONDURAS' SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREAN
ADMISSION TO WHO AND NORTH KOREAN POSITION IN UNGA (WHICH)
CALLS FOR ABOLITION UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR REUNIFI-
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GATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA (UNCURK), AND WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES FROM ROK). NORTH KOREANS WOULD ALSO PRESUMABLY SEEK ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH HONDURAS.

B. NORTH KOREA HAS RECENTLY BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ENLARGING ITS DIPLOMATIC ACCEPTABILITY, INCLUDING RECOGNITION FROM CERTAIN COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN TRADITIONAL FRIENDS OF ROK

SUCH AS SWEDEN AND IRAN. WE BELIEVE THAT THESE DIPLOMATIC SUCCESSES HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO HARDENING NORTH KOREAN LINE TOWARD ROK AND US. SINCE FIRST OF YEAR NORTH KOREA HAS BLOCKED PROGRESS IN NORTH- SOUTH TALKS PROBABLY BECAUSE IT HAS CONCLUDED THAT ITS POSITION HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED VIS- A- VIS ROK. CONSEQUENTLY, WE BELIEVE FOR PRESENT, DURING TIME WHEN SUPPORT OF ROK FRIENDS CAN CONTRIBUTE MOST TO PROGRESS IN NORTH- SOUTH TALKS, IT WOULD BE BEST TO PUT OFF NORTH KOREANS.

C. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION FOREIGN MINISTER MIGHT RECEIVE ON THIS SUBJECT.
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